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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIM

The following listing of claim will replace all prior versions, and listing of claim in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIM

Claim 1 (currently amended): A hand tool comprising a first handle and a second handle pivotally connected to each other and a tool head with a first jaw and a second jaw each pivotally connected to a corresponding one of the first and second handles, wherein:

the first jaw and the second jaw each has a middle pivotally connected to each other, the first jaw including a first end having a first pivot hole defined therein and laterally extending therethrough and a second end formed with a first clamping section, and the second jaw including a first end having a second pivot hole defined therein and laterally extending therethrough and a second end formed with a second clamping section; and

each of the first and second handles has a pivoted end pivotally connected with each other on a shaft, a section of each of the first and second handles near the pivoted end being formed with a caved section laterally extending therethrough to divide the first handle into a first side board and a second side board, and divide the second handle into a third side board and a fourth side board, a first pin sequentially extending through the first side board, the first pivot hole in the first jaw and the second side board to pivotally mount the first end of first jaw between the first side board and the second side board, a second pin sequentially

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extending through the third side board, the second pivot hole in the second jaw and the fourth side board to pivotally mount the first end of the second jaw between the third side board and the fourth side board, whereby the tool head is driven by the first handle and the second handle when the first and second handles being pivotally moved relative to each other, a first projecting block laterally extending from the third side board and at least one first slot defined in the first side board positioned in a moving path of the first projecting block for movably receiving the first projecting block due to the cooperation between the first projecting block and the first slot.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The hand tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first side board comprises two first slots defined at intervals and being positioned in the moving path of the first projecting block so that a moving range between the first handle and the second handle is divided into two sections.

Claim 3 (previously presented): The hand tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein a switch block is pivotally disposed on the third side board opposite to the fourth side board, the second handle having a protuberance laterally extending from the third side board corresponding to a first side of the switch block distal from the first handle, whereby the switch block can be pivoted to lean against the protuberance, the first handle being formed with a stop face corresponding to the switch block, the first side of the switch block formed with a first leaning face and a second leaning face in accordance with a pivoting direction of the switch

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block, whereby when the first and second handles being closed, with the second leaning face of the switch block leant against the protuberance, the switch block abuts against the stop face to prevent the first and second handles from rotating relative to each other, while when the switch block is pivoted to lean the first leaning face against the protuberance, the switch block is disengaged from the stop face.

Claim 4 (currently amended): The hand tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first and second handles each has a shape being asymmetrical relative to each other, an outer side of a section of the <u>second</u> handle near the shaft being formed with a grip section bent toward the first handle and having an arched recess greater than that of the first handle.

Claim 5 (previously presented): The hand tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein a torque spring is fitted on the shaft that pivotally connects the first handle and the second handle, the torque spring having a first end and a second end respectively extending therefrom and respectively passing by the first pin and the second pin and then outward extending to respectively form with a first press section and a second press section respectively abutting against the first handle and the second handle, the first handle and the second handle respective formed with a first stop board and a second stop board for stopping the first and second press sections of the torque spring.

Claim 6 (previously presented): The tool as claimed in claim 5, wherein the first stop board is integrally formed with the first handle and the second stop board is integrally formed with the second handle.

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Claim 7 (previously presented): The tool as claimed in claim 5, wherein two sheaths are respectively fitted on the first and second handles, each sheath being hollow and the first and second press sections of the torque spring respectively extending into a corresponding one of the two sheaths, whereby each sheath has an inner face used as the first and second stop boards.

Claim 8 (currently amended): The hand tool as claimed in claim 1, wherein the first jaw has an first opening defined in the first end thereof and communicating with the first pivot hole, and the second jaw has an second opening defined in the first end thereof and communicating with the second pivot hole, each of the first and second pin having a non-circular cross-section with a narrowed section, each of the first and second openings having a width slightly larger than that of the narrowed section, the handle the first handle having a dent defined in the first side board and corresponding to the projecting block of the second handle, whereby then the handles are pivoted to a positioned, where the narrowed sections of each of the first and second pins can be detached and moved out of the first and second pivot holes through the first and second openings, the projecting block is engaged in the dent to locate the first and second handles.